



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** Point Whitney Tide Gate Culvert Replacement

#### Description of Proposal:

The proposed project consists of replacing the existing tide gate culvert structure at WDFW's Point Whitney Facility to control water levels and exchange rates in the existing lagoon ponds. The lagoons were originally constructed to propagate and enhance oysters for seeding public tidelands. The existing lagoons and tidal gate control structures were originally constructed 60 years ago and are long past routine maintenance requirements making it necessary to replace the existing 30 inch steel culvert and slide/tide gate. The proposed project is to excavate the current pipe from the dike, place a 32 inch diameter HDPE pipe that is 40 feet long where the current culvert pipe is, and add a closing mechanism that will allow for the lagoon to be isolated.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** WDFW Point Whitney Shellfish Lab, 960-1098 Point Whitney Road, Brinnon, Washington 98320, Jefferson County; Northeast 1/4 of Section 07, Township 26 North, Range 02 West WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **May 31, 2013**.

#### Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)

- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** May 17, 2013

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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